SAARC Summit for Eliminating Nuclear Weapons

190. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the SAARC Summit leaders have declared their intention to make efforts for the realisation of the objectives of halting the nuclear arms race and eliminating nuclear weapons;

(b) whether Pakistan has also agreed with this resolve; and

(c) if not, what was Pakistan's reaction to the halting of the nuclear weapon programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Revision of the Twenty Point Programme

♦191, SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to revise the Twenty Point Programme; and

(b) if so, what are the changes which have been incorporated in the Programme and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Workers of the Border Roads Organisation caught In Snow-Storm

192. SHRI ANAND SHARMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of workers of the Border Roads Organisation were recently caught in a snow-storm over the Baralacha Pass and were stranded for over one week;

(b) if so, what steps were taken to rescue the stranded workers; and

(c) what is the number of casulties suffered and the number of the injured personnel ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes Sir. About 860 casual paid labourers of B.R.O. were stranded due to sudden heavy snowfall near Baralacha pass between 18th to 27th October 1987.

(b) Rescue operations were conducted by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) with the help of the Air Force and civil authorities. The Stranded workers were moved to places of safety in near-by camps of BRO and Snow & Avalanche Study Establishment (SASE) besides evacuation of casualties by helicopters and provision of medical treatment to affected workers both in hospitals and in camps; airdropping of cooked food packets warm clothing and medicines; undertaking snow-ciearance work on war-footing (resulting in the road Barahcha-Manali being fully cleared of snow by 27th October 1987); and finally transporting the workers by road to Manali enroute to their home destinations.

(c) Killed - 3;
Injdrsd - 79.

Dependence of the Public Sector Enterprises on Budgetary Support

♦193. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :

'Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has been exercised over the continued dependence of the public sector enterprises on non-plan budgetary support; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to reduce and eliminate this dependence of the public sector enterprises on such support'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes Sir.